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RUSSIANS SAY ARMY ESCAPED

PÉROGRAD ANNOUNCES THAT ARMY AT VILNA HAS ESCAPED CLUTCHES OF GERMANS.

BULGARIA INTO WAR

Mobilization Has Put Country on War Footing and Will Cast Its Fate With Teutons — Other Balkans May Join Allies.

London, Sept. 22.—Bulgaria is apparently on the brink of war and the general belief is that hostilities are imminent.

The military authorities have taken possession of the railways and ordinary traffic has been suspended.

There is little hope that Bulgaria will be prevented from joining the Teutonic allies. Mobilization has put the country on a war footing. Greece and the other Balkan states are seriously agitated, indications pointing to the others joining the entente powers. Bulgaria's purpose is not wholly defined, but the incorporation of Macedonia is most sought.

Petrograd dispatches say that the Russians have escaped in the Vilna retreat and destroyed everything of military value, while with the main Russian army it is not likely that the whole force will escape without heavy losses.

The fighting on the west front is confined to artillery duels.

Germans Capture Ostrow.
Berlin, Sept. 22.—The capture of the Russian city of Ostrow is announced today by the war office.

Russians are in Peril

London, Sept. 22.—The German encircling movement against the Russian army which evacuated Vilna, has intensified and tightened, and with the retreating forces virtually without rail communication their retreat seems to have reached the most critical juncture.

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AUTOMOBILE RACES HERE NEXT WEEK

ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO HAVE SEVERAL VISITORS AS WELL AS LOCAL TALENT, PARTICIPATE.

Some speedy races are booked for the fair grounds next week, and those who delight in seeing the big autos go will have their wish gratified.

Pet Kearney has made arrangements with a couple of racers from Walters, Okla., to appear here, and they, together with local talent, will give a good exhibition.

In addition to the auto races a number of short distance motorcycle races will be run, participated in by local and visiting riders.

The track at the fair grounds will be in excellent condition if the present weather conditions prevail, and some good sport may be anticipated.

Ever since the Labor Day picnic the speed bug has been working overtime in this city and considerable enthusiasm has been aroused in auto racing.

Some excellent records are expected to be established for a half mile track at the coming meet.

WEATHER FORECAST
New Orleans, La., Sept. 22.—The weather forecast for Oklahoma for tonight and Thursday is partly cloudy; somewhat warmer tonight.

COTTON SERIOUSLY INJURED

Boll Weevil in North Texas Will Reduce the Yield

W. A. Easley returned yesterday from a business trip to Henrietta, Texas. He states that cotton growers about Henrietta, Wichita Falls and Nocona are greatly discouraged over the appearance of the boll weevil which they say are destroying the crop. Big rains fell at Henrietta and at Wichita Falls while he was there, and the rain was not good for cotton. He returned by way of Fort Worth and says, en route here he saw but two cotton fields where men were at work gathering cotton. The price went up yesterday, and there is a reasonable prospect that the crop will be much shorter than last year, and that the price will also climb much higher than it is now.

BUSINESS CONDITIONS LOOK BETTER

PROSPECTS OF ABUNDANT CROP WITH GOOD PRICES, CAUSES AN OPTIMISTIC FEELING AMONG BUSINESS MEN OF THE CITY.

With the prospects of cotton being a good price this season, and with the general prosperity of the farmers throughout this section of the state better than for several years past, the business conditions of the city are gradually taking an upward turn, with every indication that business conditions will be better in Ardmore this fall than for some time past. Cotton today was quoted from 10 to 10.75 by local buyers, dependent upon grades, which is encouraging to the growers who believe that the prices will range higher as the season advances. General conditions throughout this section are good, the farmers have raised an abundance of feed which will not necessitate them purchasing to carry their stock through the season and on the whole they are in better condition than for several seasons.

The cotton acreage was greatly reduced, but close observers say that they expect fully as many bales from wagons here this season as were received last year. Others are of the opinion that the crop will not exceed 15,000 bales.

WILL VISIT ALL MINES

Young Rockefeller to Visit Every Mine in Which He is Interested.

Primero, Colo., Sept. 22.—John D. Rockefeller Jr., will visit all properties in Colorado, after investigating the conditions in the coal mine regions, in which he is interested. Rockefeller spent the night in the miners' quarters and was forced to wait for the second table in the camp boarding house.

SLEEPER TO OKLAHOMA CITY DURING FAIR

SANTA FE TO GIVE ARDMORE PEOPLE SLEEPER SERVICE BETWEEN ARDMORE AND OKLAHOMA CITY.

Ticket Agent Herndon of the Santa Fe announces that the Santa Fe will operate a sleeper between this city and Oklahoma City for the convenience of its patrons during the state fair. The sleeper will leave here on Train No. 6, at 12:30 a. m., and will be set out at Oklahoma City. Similar service will be established from Oklahoma City to Ardmore, a sleeper attached to train No. 5, arriving here at 3:42 a. m., will be set out here. This service will be effective September 25 and will continue until October 2.

MUNITIONS OUT OF BIG LOAN

WITH ONLY TWO MINOR DETAILS UNSETTLED CONSUMMATION OF BIG WAR LOAN IS NEAR.

GERMANS ARE IN IT

Kuhn-Loeb & Company and Other German-American Banking Firms Will Participate in the Loan to the Allies.

New York, Sept. 22.—Wall Street today awaits hourly the news of the consummation of the huge war loan of nearly one billion dollars to the allies.

But two minor details are now unsettled. Munitions of war will be virtually excluded, American bankers say. Formal proclamation of the success of the negotiations is expected within two or three days and possibly within hours. Reports were current that the entire matter would be settled today. This was said to be premature. But there was unanimous confirmation of the report that both parties to the proceedings were very nearly together in their plans.

More progress was said to have been made Tuesday than on any other two preceding days.

A thorough inventory of what was accomplished, it was said, would read about as follows:

Members of New York's so-called pro-German banking houses will help float the loan.

Munitions of war no longer enter into the topics discussed. While it can not be guaranteed that they will be excluded from the loan's operation, it is the present tentative plan to continue paying for them by shipments of gold and American securities from London and Paris to New York.

The size of the loan has been definitely agreed to, subject to eleventh hour revision. It probably will be about \$700,000,000.

The notes issued for the loan will run five years.

These notes will carry a conversion privilege entitling the holders to surrender them at maturity, if desired, for joint Anglo-French government bonds bearing 4½ per cent interest and covering a period of probably twenty years, redeemable, however, at

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REGULAR MEET OF CITY COMMISSIONERS

SHORT SESSION, TRANSACT ROUTINE BUSINESS AND PASS TWO RESOLUTIONS. WILL CHANGE SYSTEM OF BOOKKEEPING.

On account of the absence of Mayor Mullen last night, commissioner Hoard acted as mayor at the regular meeting of the board of city commissioners, with all other members present.

A resolution was presented by Commissioner London expressing regret at the resignation of City Attorney Adams and expressing the deepest gratitude for the efficient service he rendered the city while acting in that capacity. A resolution was also passed calling for a change in the system of bookkeeping following the recommendations of the auditors who recently audited the books of the city, this system will be put into effect as soon as the necessary changes can be made.

H. B. Harts was appointed a member of the park board, made vacant by the resignation of Russell Brown who was appointed city attorney in place of Frank Adams, resigned. A few emergency bills were passed upon and allowed.

OBREGON IS FOR CARRANZA

DENIES REPORTS THAT HE IS CONSIDERING COUNTER-REVOLUTION AGAINST CARRANZA.

PEACE ON THE BORDER

Requests to Withdraw Border Troops Now Coming In, Which is Taken to Indicate Peace Has Again Been Restored.

Laredo, Sept. 22.—General Obregon in a message received here today denies that he is considering a counter revolution against General Carranza, and reaffirms his allegiance to the first chief.

Ask Withdrawal of Troops.

Brownsville, Tex., Sept. 22.—Requests to withdraw troops from certain sections of the Rio Grande valley by Col. R. L. Bullard is considered good evidence of the restoration of peace in this section.

Two hundred Mexicans living near Harlingen and San Benito signed the request to Bullard.

An agent of the United States department of justice is investigating the causes of the outbreak.

MAY CALL CONGRESS

President Considers Special Session for Curtailing Debate.

Washington, Sept. 22.—The president is seriously considering calling a special session of congress to consider new rules for curtailing debate on the new treaties of South American countries which are to be considered.

Three Arrests in Robbery Case

Paris, Tex., Sept. 21.—Sheriff Wilson of Pushmataha county, Oklahoma, made three arrests Sunday night at Farris, Atoka county in connection with the robbery of the Frisco station at Antlers, and the assault on the night operator.

Oil Reported Near Duncan.

Duncan, Okla., Sept. 21.—Oil has been discovered in the well on the Sam Nelson farm, eight miles southwest of Duncan, at a depth of 1,750 feet. With the sand barely penetrated, the hole has 200 feet of oil. The quality is said to be high grade. Gas was found in this well at 1,910 feet.

WOULD OUST THE SEXTON OF ROSE HILL

A PETITION SETTING FORTH CHARGES WAS FILED WITH THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS LAST NIGHT.

At the meeting of the board of city commissioners last night a petition signed by a long list of residents of the city was presented to that body asking that they remove the sexton employed at Rose Hill Cemetery, alleging in their petition that he is an infidel, uses profane language in the cemetery and is otherwise obnoxious to them.

The petition was read to the council and referred to the cemetery board for action. The sexton was recently employed by the board to take charge of affairs of the cemetery and also to have supervision over the work in the parks, and last night's proceedings was the first intimation that many had that he was in any wise objectionable. He recently moved from Gainesville to take charge of the work.

Just what action the cemetery board will take, is not known at this time, but they will probably take some action in a few days.

CHINESE TO TRY COTTON.

Texas Expert Employed for Three Years by Chinese.

Washington, Sept. 22.—H. H. Johnson of the Texas agricultural experiment station has entered into a three years' contract with the Chinese government to encourage the production of cotton in China, says the foreign bureau. China also seeks an American forestry expert.

POSTPONE WILL HEARING

Probate Court at Houston Continues Hearing.

Houston, Tex., Sept. 22.—There will be no further consideration of the will of Francis A. Ogden, eccentric millionaire, until September 29, the Harris county probate court announced today. The three purported wills will be passed on at that time.

INDICTMENTS FOR OFFICERS OF EASTLAND

FEDERAL INDICTMENTS RETURNED TODAY AGAINST OWNERS AND LESSEES OF UNFORTUNATE VESSEL.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 22.—Federal indictments were returned today against the owners, lessees and officers of the steamer Eastland, which was sunk in the Chicago river with a loss of eight hundred and twelve lives.

Conspiracy and criminal carelessness is charged. One United States inspector was included in the number indicted.

Burglars Rob Fitzhugh Store.

Ada, Okla., Sept. 21.—Burglars broke into the general store of R. L. Smith at Fitzhugh, taking about \$200 worth of clothing, pistols and ammunition. They had a wagon concealed nearby, in which they made their escape. Officers trailed them partly across the county today, but finally lost it.

Will Be Highway Engineer.

Oklahoma City, Sept. 21.—It is understood that Frank D. Brown of Shawnee will be appointed state highway engineer Oct. 1. Mr. Brown is a civil engineer of ability and acted as one of the board of examiners in the recent examination of candidates for county engineers held under the direction of the state highway department.

MUST PAY COST IN PROBATE CASES NOW

COUNTY JUDGE SAYS NO MORE ARREARS WILL BE TOLERATED — CANCELLATION WILL RESULT.

Judge Champion stated yesterday that he was having some trouble with a number of guardians who were delinquent in court cost of cases they represented, and was getting a settlement out of them as rapidly as he could get in communication with them. He stated that in a number of instances he was compelled to cancel the guardianship of several for this cause and make other appointments in their stead. About forty cases of like character, he stated, had been passed upon by him recently.

Judge Champion stated from now on all probate costs must be fully paid before further procedure was made in his court. If it was not done, he was most emphatic in the statement that he was going to cancel the guardianship and make new appointments.

SIX KILLED IN NEW YORK

WHOLE BLOCK OF SEVENTH AVENUE COLLAPSED TODAY FOLLOWING DYNAMITE EXPLOSION

DURING RUSH HOUR

Explosion Occurred When Traffic Was Heavy — One Hundred Pedestrians and Street Car Patrons Caught in Hole — Fifty Injured Rescued.

New York, Sept. 22.—Six persons are known to be dead as a result of injuries received when a whole block on Seventh Avenue collapsed at the rush hour today.

A dynamite explosion in an excavation caused the cave-in.

Hundreds of pedestrians and street car patrons were caught in the hole. One car with seventy-eight passengers, mostly women and girls, plunged downward into the hole.

Police reserves, hospital surgeons and the fire department is aiding in the rescue. Within an hour more than fifty injured had been brought to the surface.

NEGRO REPORTED CAUGHT.

Black Who Assaulted Texas Woman Caught on Freight Train.

Houston, Tex., Sept. 22.—The negro who assaulted Mrs. Austin Frubbs in Liberty county last night, was reported caught today on a Houston bound freight train, but no charges have been made.

TWO ARRESTS TODAY.

Two Suspects Held at Memphis in Connection With Murder.

Memphis, Tenn., Sept. 22.—Two arrests were made today in connection with the murder yesterday of Margaret Favar, an actress, and J. C. Crowell in a fashionable apartment house. No charges have been made against them.

INDEBTEDNESS OF COUNTRIES NOW AT WAR

FIGURES COMPILED SHOW AN INCREASE OF \$18,000,000. CONFLICT IS COSTING HUGE SUM EVERY MONTH.

Washington, Sept. 21.—In connection with the \$1,000,000,000 loan being negotiated by England and France, figures compiled by New York financiers show that the national debt of all countries at war has increased more than \$18,000,000,000, bringing the grand total of what the countries now owe to about \$42,500,000,000. The war is costing England over \$16,000,000 daily. France is spending \$31,000,000 per month, Russia \$260,000,000, and Germany \$500,000,000.

The national debt of Belgium, Serbia and Montenegro at the outbreak of the war was slightly less than \$875,000,000, but what the conflict is costing them is not obtainable. They have received from the English and French since war was declared, \$75,000,000. The national indebtedness of the individual allies since the beginning of the war is as follows: England \$5,714,000,000, France \$3,040,500,000, Russia \$2,620,500,000, Italy \$400,000,000, Japan \$50,000,000; grand total for the allies \$11,800,000,000. Debt incurred by the Teutonic allies: Germany \$3,390,000,000, Austria-Hungary, \$1,706,000,000, Turkey, loaned by Germany, \$250,000,000; total \$5,346,000,000.

A little experience with censorship might not be without value in the course of military training at Plattsburg.